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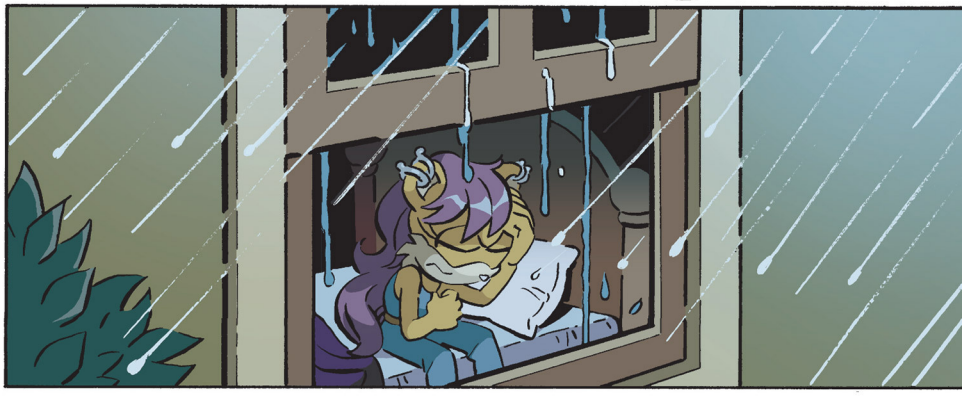
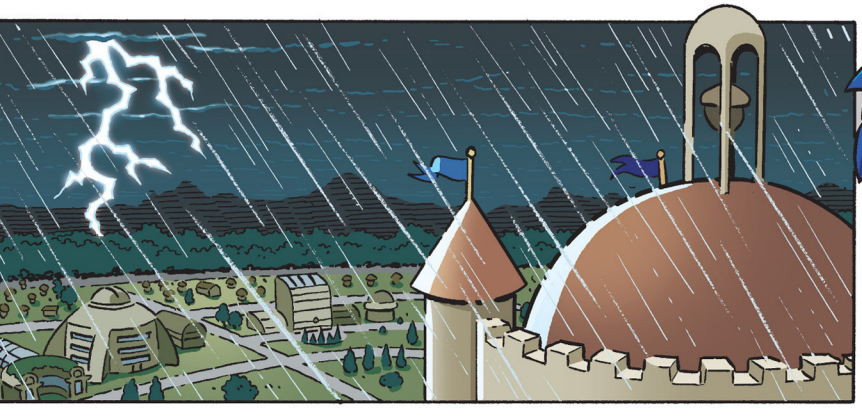
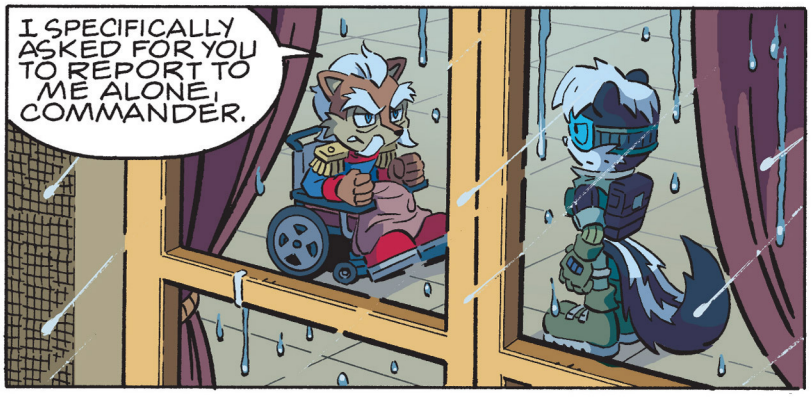
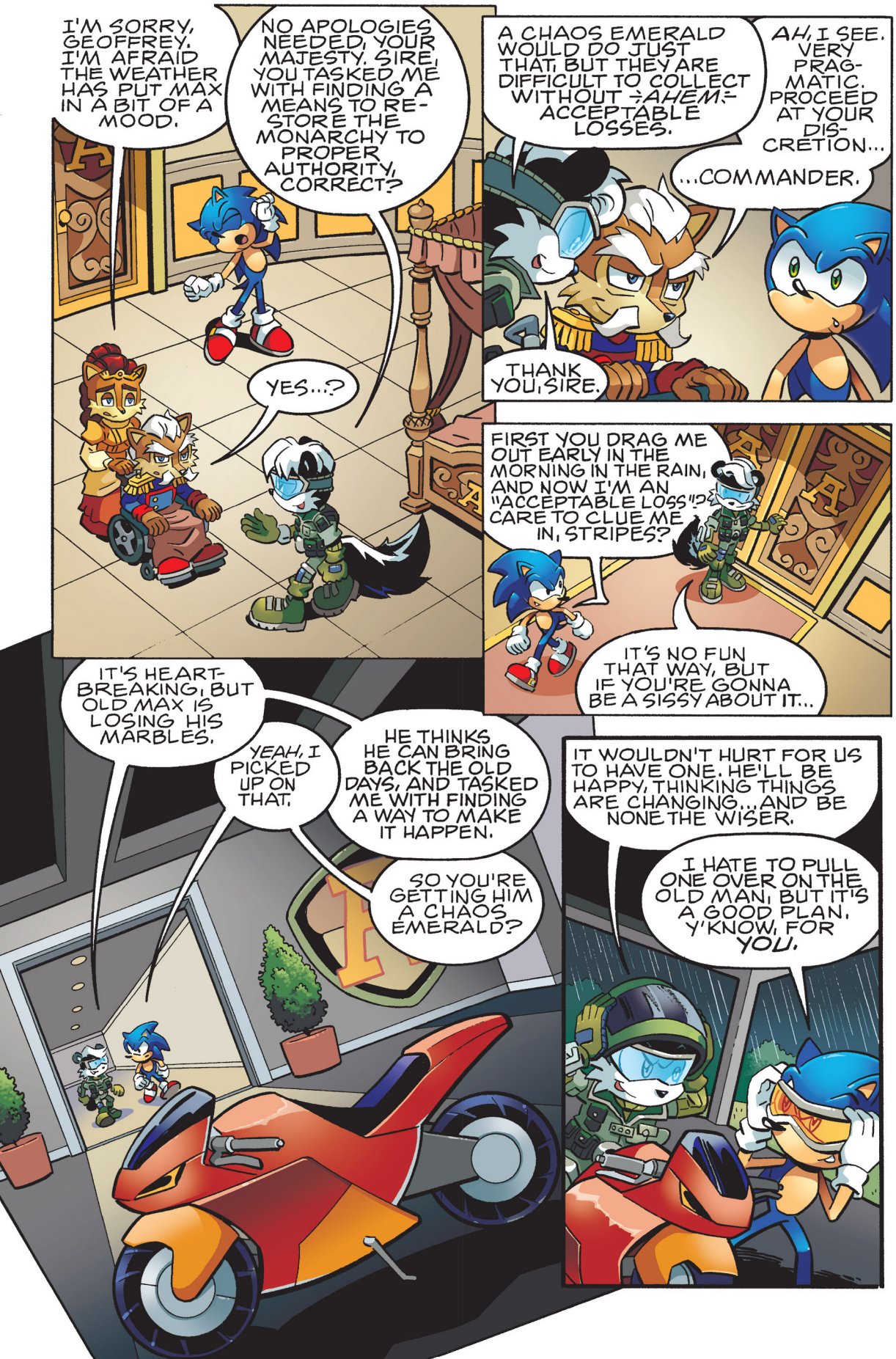


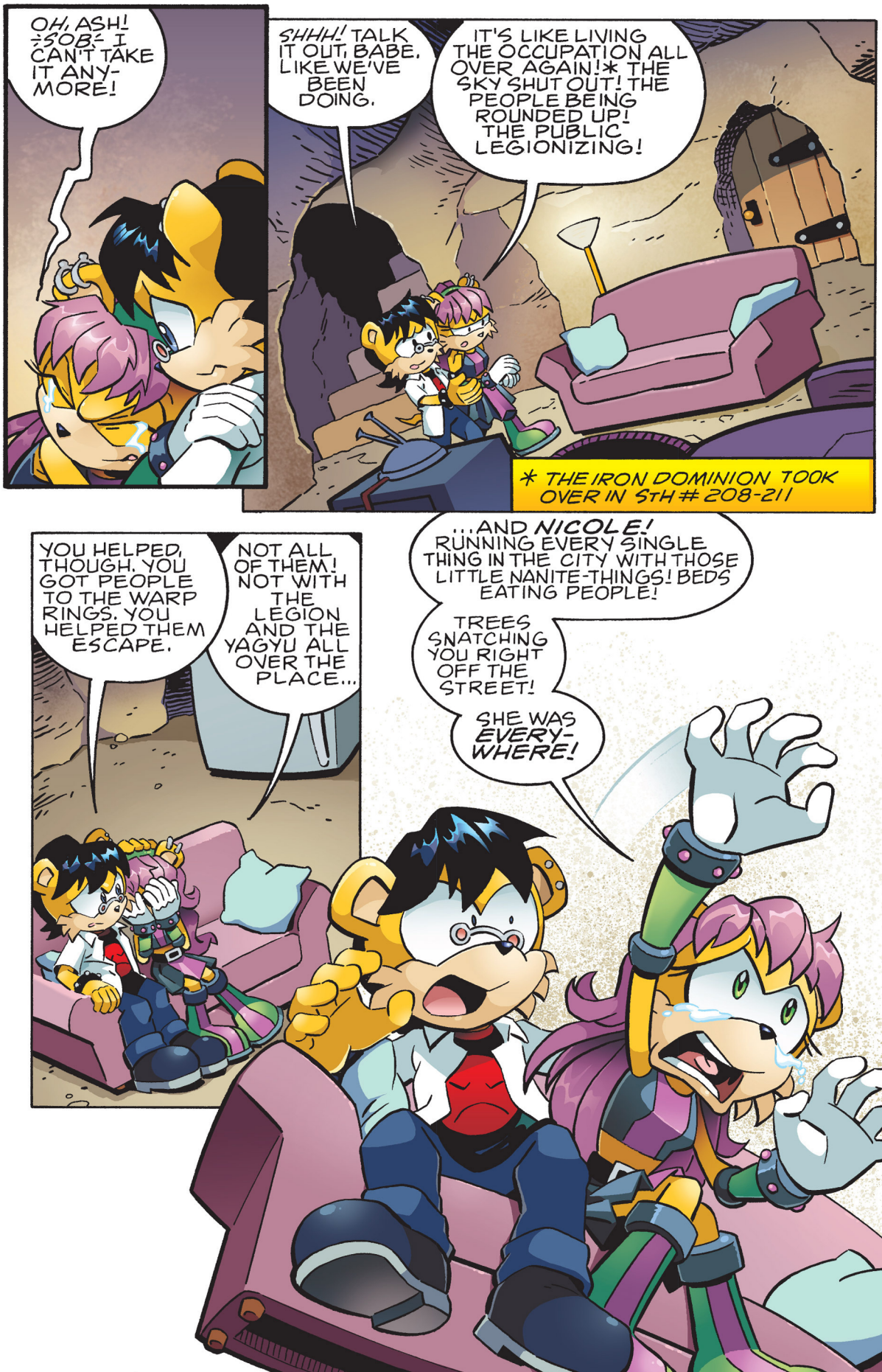


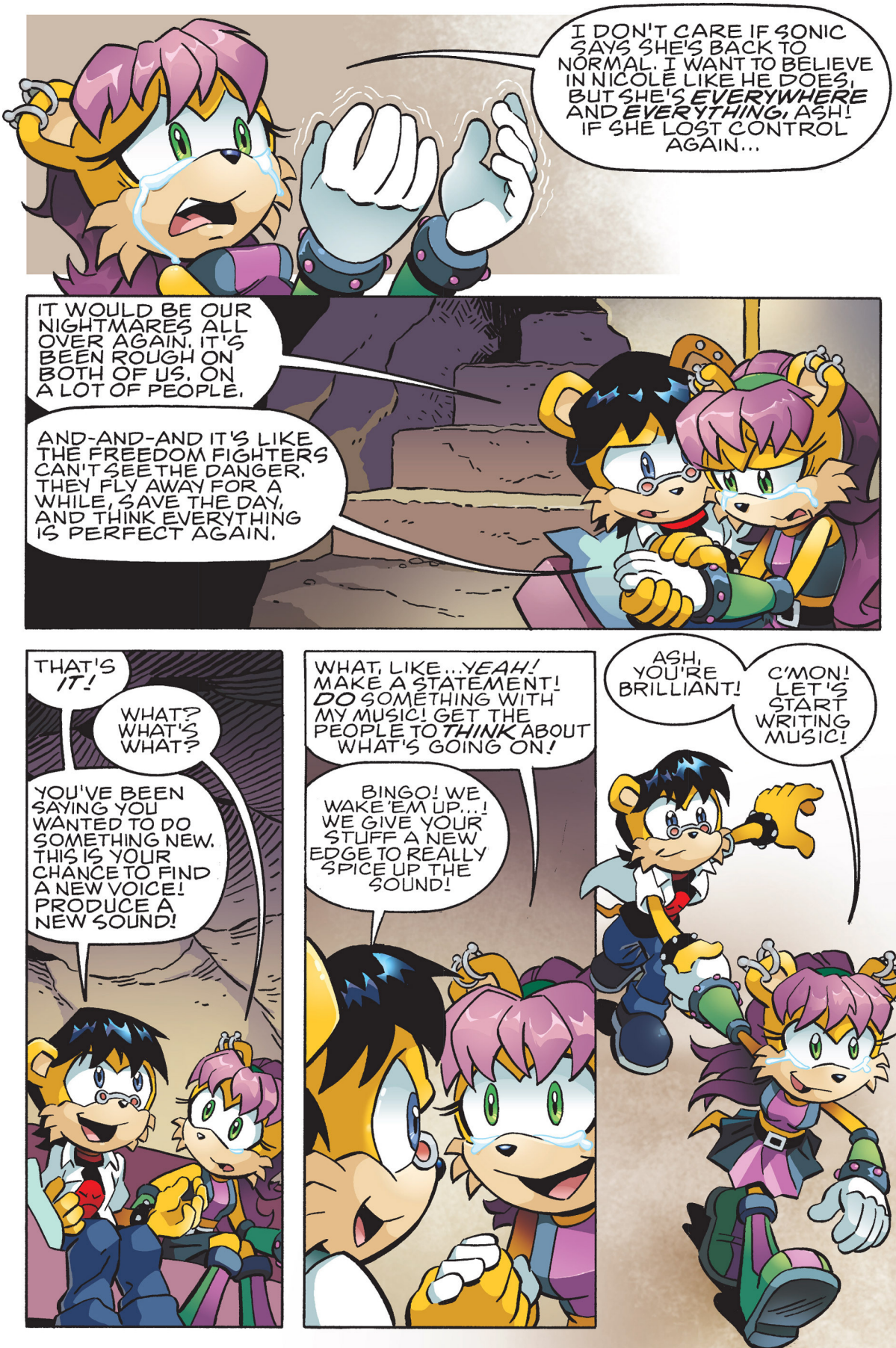



I'M SORRY, GEOFFREY. I'M AFRAID THE WEATHER HAS PUT MAX IN A BIT OF A MOOD.
NO APOLOGIES NEEDED, YOUR MAJESTY. SIRE, YOU TASKED ME WITH FINDING A MEANS TO RESTORE THE MONARCHY TO PROPER AUTHORITY, CORRECT?
YES...?
A CHAOS EMERALD WOULD DO JUST THAT, BUT THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO COLLECT WITHOUT ÷AHEM.÷ ACCEPTABLE LOSSES.
AH, I SEE. VERY PRAGMATIC. PROCEED AT YOUR DISCRETION...
...COMMANDER.
THANK YOU, SIRE.
FIRST YOU DRAG ME OUT EARLY IN THE MORNING IN THE RAIN, AND NOW I'M AN "ACCEPTABLE LOSS"? CARE TO CLUE ME IN, STRIPES?
IT'S NO FUN THAT WAY, BUT IF YOU'RE GONNA BE A SISSY ABOUT IT...
IT'S HEARTBREAKING, BUT OLD MAX IS LOSING HIS MARBLES.
YEAH, I PICKED UP ON THAT.
HE THINKS HE CAN BRING BACK THE OLD DAYS, AND TASKED ME WITH FINDING A WAY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.
SO YOU'RE GETTING HIM A CHAOS EMERALD?
IT WOULDN'T HURT FOR US TO HAVE ONE. HE'LL BE HAPPY, THINKING THINGS ARE CHANGING... AND BE NONE THE WISER.
I HATE TO PULL ONE OVER ON THE OLD MAN, BUT IT'S A GOOD PLAN, Y'KNOW, FOR YOU.

HOW DOES ME GETTING SOAKING WET FACTOR IN YOUR BRILLIANT PLAN, THO'?
BUILDS CHARACTER.
PLUS YOU'VE GOT EXPERIENCE IN THE SPECIAL ZONE ...AND I HEAR YOU'RE ON FEIST'S GOOD SIDE. I NEED YOU ON THIS ONE.
AW, THAT'S SO SWEET. WHAT WOULD HERSHEY THINK?
SHE KNOWS YOU'RE NOT MY TYPE.
WHICH IS TO SAY YOU'RE VACUOUS AND NARCISSISTIC.
QUIET, YOU'LL MAKE ME BLUSH--OH! SORRY, MINA!
AH?!
CRIPES, HEDGEHOG! KNOCK HER ACROSS THE ROOM, WHY DON'T YOU?
I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS THERE, ASH. MY BAD.
YEAH, IT IS YOUR BAD, YOU--
ASH? BABY? PLEASE, SHUT UP.

I... SURE, BABE. SORRY.
MINA? ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH.
FINE. REALLY.
LISTEN, I NEEDED TO ... GET OUT OF THE CITY. NEEDED TO THINK ON THE NEXT ALBUM. IS IT COOL IF WE BRAIN-STORM HERE?
SURE. YOU AND YOUR BAND ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE. FREEDOM FIGHTER OR NOT, YOU'RE ONE OF US.
...THANKS.
C'MON, MATE. LET THEM WORK IT OUT. WE'VE GOT A MISSION.
RIGHT.
IT WAS THE NIGHT-MARES AGAIN, WASN'T IT?

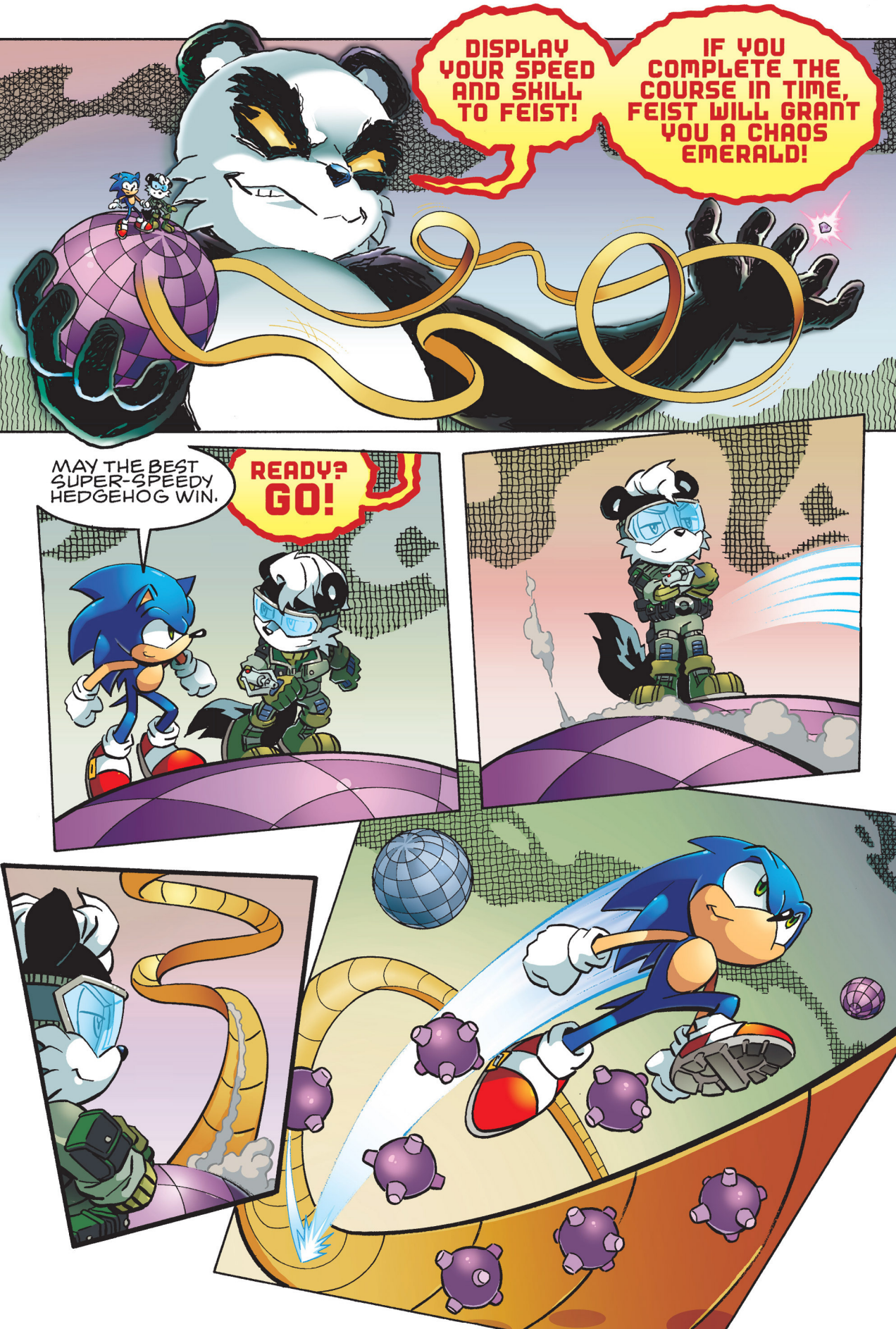

OH, ASH! ÷SOB÷ I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY-MORE!
SHHH! TALK IT OUT, BABE. LIKE WE'VE BEEN DOING.
IT'S LIKE LIVING THE OCCUPATION ALL OVER AGAIN!* THE SKY SHUT OUT! THE PEOPLE BEING ROUNDED UP! THE PUBLIC LEGIONIZING!
* THE IRON DOMINION TOOK OVER IN STH # 208-211
YOU HELPED, THOUGH. YOU GOT PEOPLE TO THE WARP RINGS. YOU HELPED THEM ESCAPE.
NOT ALL OF THEM! NOT WITH THE LEGION AND THE YAGYU ALL OVER THE PLACE...
...AND NICOLE! RUNNING EVERY SINGLE THING IN THE CITY WITH THOSE LITTLE NANITE-THINGS! BEDS EATING PEOPLE!
TREES SNATCHING YOU RIGHT OFF THE STREET!
SHE WAS EVERY-WHERE!


I DON'T CARE IF SONIC SAYS SHE'S BACK TO NORMAL. I WANT TO BELIEVE IN NICOLE LIKE HE DOES, BUT SHE'S *EVERYWHERE* AND *EVERYTHING*, ASH! IF SHE LOST CONTROL AGAIN...
IT WOULD BE OUR NIGHTMARES ALL OVER AGAIN. IT'S BEEN ROUGH ON BOTH OF US, ON A LOT OF PEOPLE.
AND-AND-AND IT'S LIKE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAN'T SEE THE DANGER. THEY FLY AWAY FOR A WHILE, SAVE THE DAY, AND THINK EVERYTHING IS PERFECT AGAIN.
THAT'S *IT!*
WHAT? WHAT'S WHAT?
YOU'VE BEEN SAYING YOU WANTED TO DO SOMETHING NEW. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO FIND A NEW VOICE! PRODUCE A NEW SOUND!
WHAT, LIKE...*YEAH!* MAKE A STATEMENT! *DO* SOMETHING WITH MY MUSIC! GET THE PEOPLE TO *THINK* ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON!
BINGO! WE WAKE 'EM UP...! WE GIVE YOUR STUFF A NEW EDGE TO REALLY SPICE UP THE SOUND!
ASH, YOU'RE BRILLIANT!
C'MON! LET'S START WRITING MUSIC!

YO, NICOLE! CAN YOU FIRE UP THE STAR POSTS FOR A TRIP TO THE SPECIAL ZONE?
JUST A MOMENT, SONIC.
HEH. I FEEL A LITTLE BAD DOING THIS UNDER A PRETENSE.
ME TOO, BUT WHATEVER IT TAKES TO PRESERVE THE KINGDOM.
WOW, HOW BORING OF YOU. HEY, HOW'S HERSHEY? I HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN FOREVER.
SHE'S GOOD. SHE'S... DEEP UNDER COVER. I WON'T BE SEEING HER FOR A WHILE.
AH, THAT'S ROUGH, MAN.
STAR POSTS ARE ONLINE, SONIC.
THANKS, NICOLE! FOLLOW MY LEAD WHILE WE'RE IN THERE, SOLDIER-BOY. THE SPECIAL ZONE IS INTENSE!
OH, PLEASE. I'VE READ THE REPORTS. I THINK I CAN HANDLE...

...CRIKEY.
TOLD YA SO.
YOU DARE RETURN TO FEIST'S DOMAIN?!
FEIST WILL NOT TOLERATE AN INFESTATION OF MORTALS!!!
...SONIC?
WHOA-WHOA-WHOA! FEIST! IT'S ME! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! YOU LIKED THAT I GAVE IXIS NAUGUS A MAJOR HEADACHE, REMEMBER?
YEAH! ME! I THOUGHT WE WERE COOL, MAN!

YES. FEIST RECALLS NOW.
YOU HAVE COME FOR ANOTHER CHAOS EMERALD?
IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU...?
YOU WILL PLAY FEIST'S GAME AND ABIDE BY HIS RULES? DEFY ME AS THE OTHERS DID, AND FEIST WILL SMITE YOU.
SURE, MAN. WE'LL PLAY BALL. BUT WHAT "OTHERS" ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHO ELSE KNOWS ABOUT THIS PLACE?
YOU LIKE GAMES, DO YOU?
FEIST ENJOYS A GOOD SPORT.
THEN HOW ABOUT YOU PIT THE TWO OF US AGAINST EACH OTHER? HALVES THE ODDS OF US WALKING AWAY WITH ONE OF YOUR GEMS AND RAISES THE STAKES, RIGHT?
HA HA HA! AN ENGAGING OFFER! FEIST APPROVES!
AND SONIC DOES NOT. DUDE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
OH, RELAX. IT MAKES THE SCARY GOD-TYPE HAPPY, AND BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, THIS SHOULD BE A BREEZE.
Y'KNOW, I LIKE THIS A LOT BETTER THAN OUR OLD GRUDGES.
THE HATCHET IS OFFICIALLY BURIED, THEN, YOU LOONEY CHILD?
BETTER A LOON THAN A A STINKY WANNA-BE, SKUNKY.

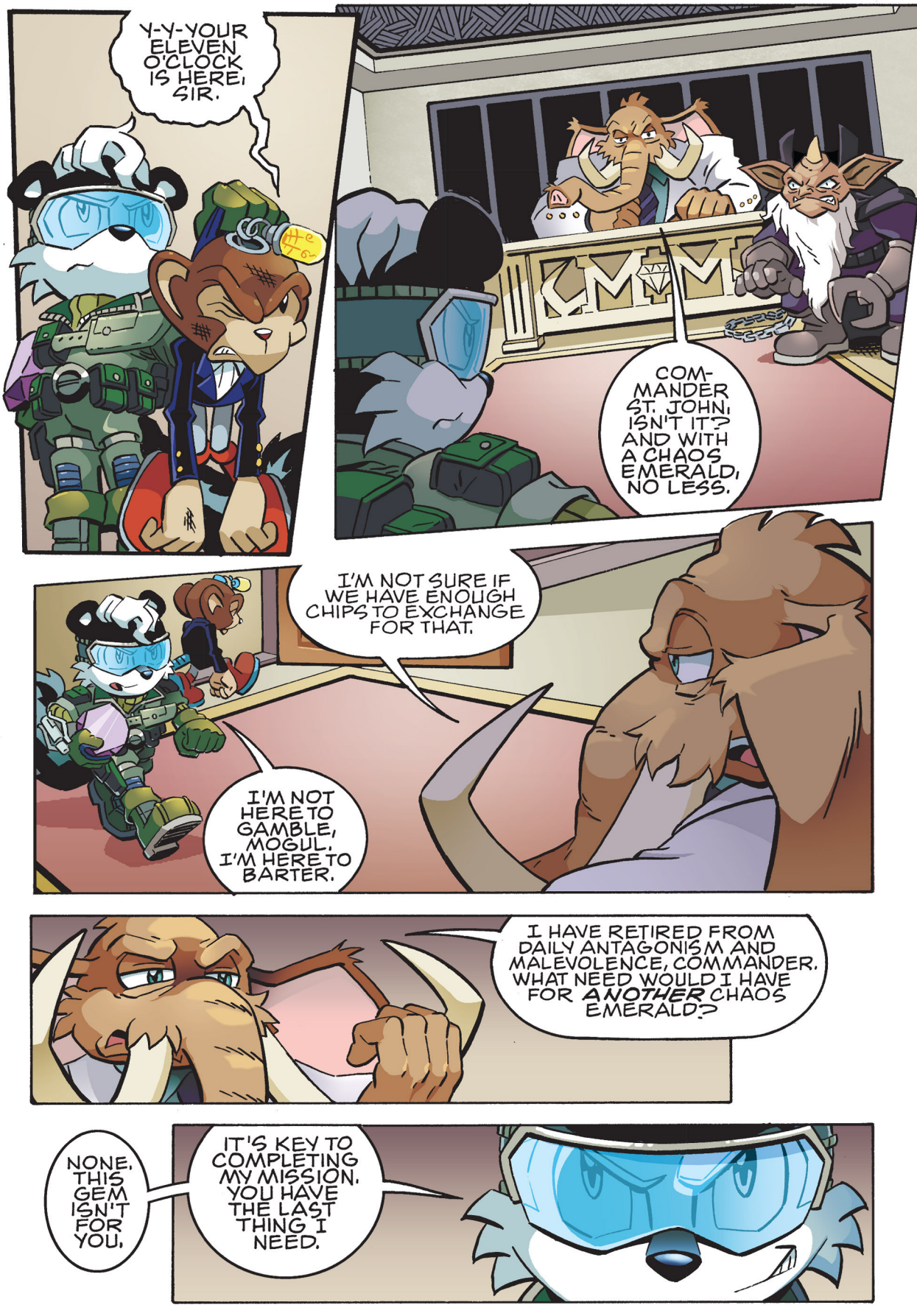

DISPLAY YOUR SPEED AND SKILL TO FEIST!
IF YOU COMPLETE THE COURSE IN TIME, FEIST WILL GRANT YOU A CHAOS EMERALD!
MAY THE BEST SUPER-SPEEDY HEDGEHOG WIN.
READY? GO!

BA-
DAH-
DAH-
DAH-
BAH-
DAH!

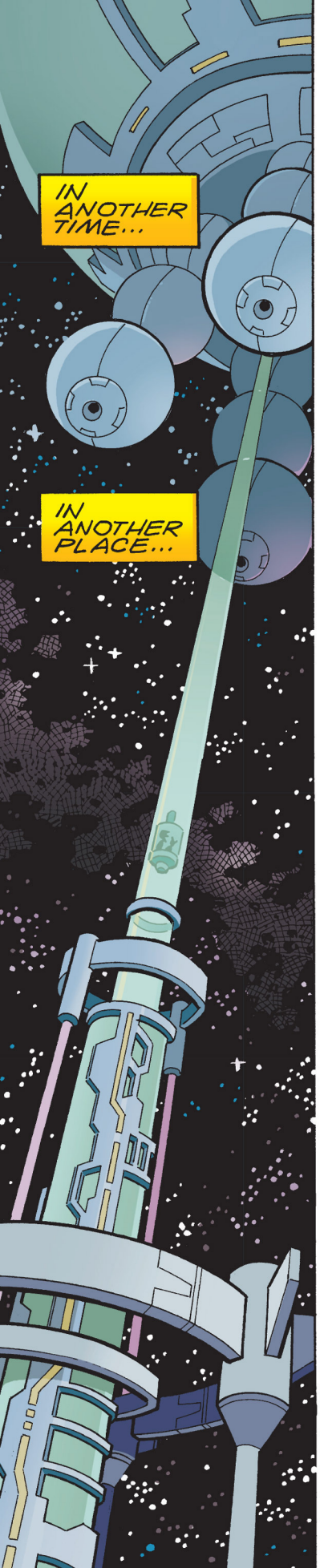
SHEESH, GEOFF, YOU DIDN'T EVEN TRY!
GAH!
I DIDN'T NEED TO, MATE.
HA HA HA HA! MOST ENJOYABLE! YOUR TREACHERY DELIGHTS FEIST!
WE'RE SQUARE THEN, RIGHT? CHEERS.

HELLO? GEOFFREY? WHERE IS SONIC? HELLO?
AMY ROSE
MINA
SONIC

MOGUL
IS YOUR BOSS IN?
Y-Y-YES, BUT HE'S A VERY BUSY MAN, AND...
HIS SCHEDULE JUST OPENED UP.
NOBODY SEES MISTER MOGUL WITHOUT AN APPOINT-MENT.


Y-Y-YOUR ELEVEN O'CLOCK IS HERE, SIR.
COM-MANDER ST. JOHN, ISN'T IT? AND WITH A CHAOS EMERALD, NO LESS.
I'M NOT SURE IF WE HAVE ENOUGH CHIPS TO EXCHANGE FOR THAT.
I'M NOT HERE TO GAMBLE, MOGUL. I'M HERE TO BARTER.
I HAVE RETIRED FROM DAILY ANTAGONISM AND MALEVOLENCE, COMMANDER. WHAT NEED WOULD I HAVE FOR ANOTHER CHAOS EMERALD?
NONE. THIS GEM ISN'T FOR YOU.
IT'S KEY TO COMPLETING MY MISSION. YOU HAVE THE LAST THING I NEED.

...OH? WHAT MISSION IS THAT?
TO RESTORE THE TRUE KING TO THE THRONE.
SONIC LOST TO THE SPECIAL ZONE!
DISSENT IN NEW MOBOTROPOLIS!
AND WHAT'S GOING ON WITH GEOFFREY AND THE CHAOS EMERALD?!
DON'T MISS PART TWO OF "IN SERVICE TO THE KING" NEXT TIME!
UNTIL THEN, CHECK OUT "SONIC UNIVERSE," THE SONIC ARCHIVES, AND SONIC SELECTS!



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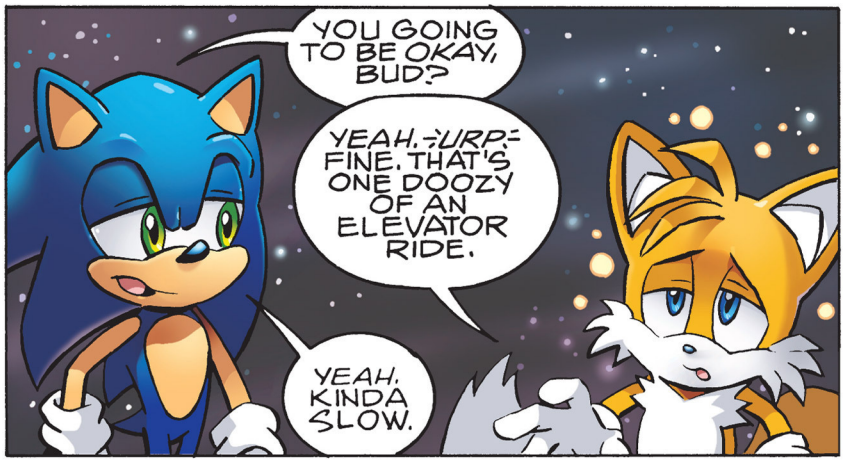

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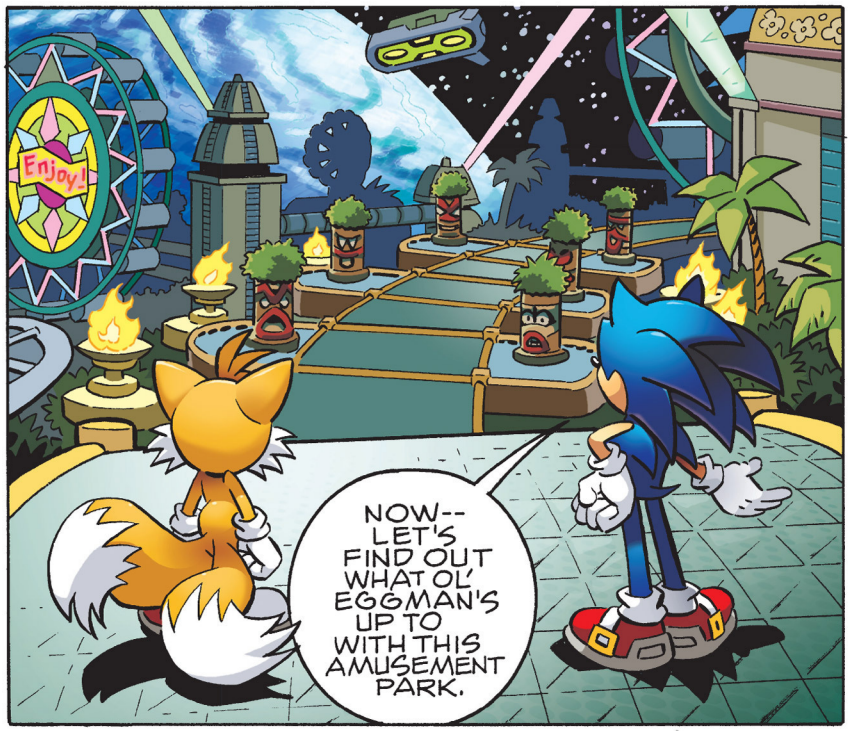

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HYA! GIT ALONG, LI'L ALIEN VARMINTS!
WE REALLY MUST FIX THAT VOICE CHIP OF YOURS.
HEY, NOW! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO THESE LITTLE GUYS, BUT--
--HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHOA! OKAY, LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN--

--DO!
I BELIEVE THE EXPRESSION IS: "DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR."
MEANING ...?
AS YOU MIGHT PUT IT: "LET'S GIT OUTTA DODGE, PARDNER!"
THAT WAS AWESOME, LITTLE DUDE! HOW DID WE DO THAT?

HUH. YOU'RE QUITE THE LITTLE YACKER, AREN'T YOU?
HEY! MAYBE I CAN ADJUST MY HAND-HELD TO TRANSLATE WHAT HE'S SAYING.
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN! WHAT'S THE LITTLE GUY SO WORKED UP ABOUT?
UM... "THE OMELET-DICTATOR HAS CAB-TOURED THEIR PLANT BET TO USE THEIR FOOLS."
HERE WE GO! DOCTOR EGGMAN HAS CAPTURED THEIR PLANET AND IS USING THEIR KIND AS FUEL!
THAT MAKES A LOT MORE SENSE! (Y'KNOW, COMPARATIVELY!)

DON'T YOU WORRY, LITTLE TALKATIVE GHOSTLY-ALIEN GUY!
HIS NAME IS YACKER. HE'S A WISP.
DON'T YOU WORRY, YACKER THE WISP! I'LL SAVE YOUR PLANET AND YOUR FRIENDS!
AND I CAN COUNT ON YOU GUYS TO LEND A HAND WITH YOUR COOL POWERS, RIGHT?
THEN LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!
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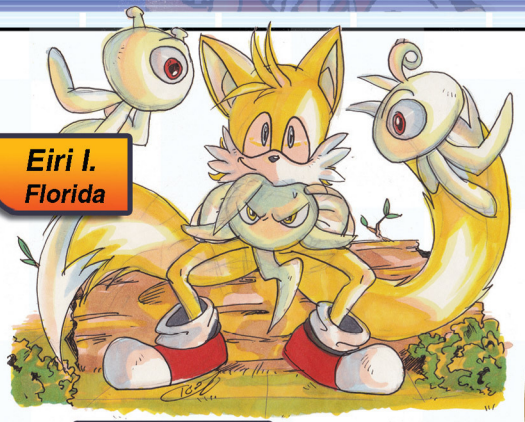

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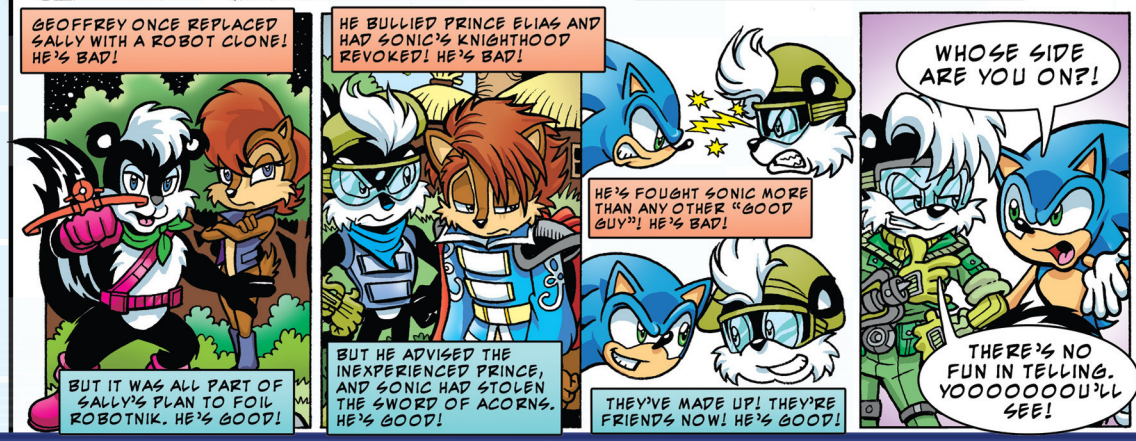
GEOFFREY ONCE REPLACED SALLY WITH A ROBOT CLONE! HE'S BAD!
BUT IT WAS ALL PART OF SALLY'S PLAN TO FOIL ROBOTNIK. HE'S GOOD!
HE BULLIED PRINCE ELIAS AND HAD SONIC'S KNIGHTHOOD REVOKED! HE'S BAD!
BUT HE ADVISED THE INEXPERIENCED PRINCE, AND SONIC HAD STOLEN THE SWORD OF ACORNS. HE'S GOOD!
HE'S FOUGHT SONIC MORE THAN ANY OTHER "GOOD GUY"! HE'S BAD!
THEY'VE MADE UP! THEY'RE FRIENDS NOW! HE'S GOOD!
WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?!
THERE'S NO FUN IN TELLING. YOOOOOOOU'LL SEE!

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Dear Sonic-Grams,
It's me, Kamen S., remember me? My...

SAY NO MORE! I remember you all right - and you'll pay for what you did!

...letter was in STH#206 I think. It took up most of the page!

Oh, ::ahem:: sorry about that, I must have confused you with the FIEND who stole my pudding cup at lunch...

My suggestion for a Sonic (or Sonic Universe) story arc involves the new Sonic game coming out this December, "SONIC: COLORS." From what I've researched, Eggman is using the colorful energy of these things called "Wisps" to power his interstellar amusement park. Sonic tries to stop him and discovers he can use the power of the Wisps! For instance, when Sonic absorbs the powers of the yellow Wisp, he can drill through solid ground and shoot through water like a torpedo! I figured this out on my Wii's Nintendo channel @ Sega.com!

Wow! Believe it or not, we had the exact same idea printed in this very issue! Write in and tell us if you want to see more "Sonic: Colors" themed stories in Sonic or Sonic Universe!

That is all I've got to type - hope your comics keep getting more and more successful! See ya & keep on juicin'!

Kamen S.
from Maryland

Thanks for the letter, Kamen! And if you find out who stole my pudding cup, let me know and I'll "wisp" 'em good!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
My name is Aiden and I'm 5 1/2 years old! I like Sonic INFINITY times! I like Sonic better than anything, and can you please send me a video game of Sonic? I looked at real hedgehogs on YouTube with mommy and I saw Sonic there.

from,
Aiden C.
from Minnesota

Thanks for the letter, Aiden! You and your mom are the way-past-coolest!

That's all for now, see ya next month :)

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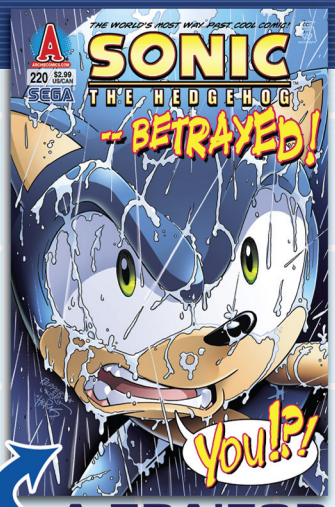

A TRAITOR -- REVEALED!

CAN SONIC ESCAPE THE "SPECIAL ZONE"? WHAT IS MINA UP TO? AND JUST WHAT IS GEOFFREY'S PROBLEM, ANYWAY?!

"IN SERVICE TO THE KING" pt2 (OF 2)

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 1/04/11

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IT'S MADNESS!
IT'S MELEE! IT'S...
TREASURE TEAM TANGO
PART THREE OF FOUR

PLUS: THE MYSTERY 4TH TEAM - REVEALED!

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 12/21/10!

the SONIC SPIN

OH, SNAP!

i say editorial, you say commentary--"editorial"!

I smell a traitor!
(heh... cuz he's a skunk...)

It was early 2009 and I was having one of my first conversations with Ian Flynn about the story direction of **Sonic the Hedgehog**. When he told me his plan for what would later become "In service to the King," I couldn't WAIT! A few invasions, several FF groups and one Snively-cape later, and you've got the cataclysmic event that will change the face of the Sonic Universe!

It's all part of the build-up to issue 225, which begins Sonic's **20th anniversary celebration**, and you're all in for a very special treat! Stay tuned!

Catch ya next month!

Paul 11/10

LEFT: Jammin' Jamal Peppers' pencils for the "shot heard 'round Mobius" panel! RIGHT: Jamal's original sketch for the #219 cover!

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